

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on the sixth line from the bottom of page 13, line and ending on page 14, line 2 with the following replacement paragraph:

The ingredient (B-2) is preferably added in order to keep water resistance and lubrication of the skin protectant of the invention even after evaporation of the ingredient ~~(B-2)~~ (B-1) when the protectant is applied to the skin. The lower the volatility of the ingredient (B-2) is the longer the skin-protecting effect is maintained. The volatility at 25°C is preferably not more than 0.1 mg/cm²hr, more preferably not more than 0.03 mg/cm²hr.